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VALERIE EMMERSON,

Appellant,

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WALLACE C. WALKER and

RANA RAE WALKER,

Appellees.

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S. TUCKER JOHNSON,

Appellee.

Case No. DA-09-0487

APPELLEES WALLACE C. WALKER AND
RANA RAE WALKER'S UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE OPENING BRIEF

Pursuant to Rule 26(2), M.R.App.P., Appellees Wallace C. Walker and Rana Rae Walker, by and through their attorney of record, Leanne M. Schraudner, respectfully move this Court for an Order granting Appellees until March 5, 2010 to file their initial brief. The length of the requested extension is for one week. The brief is currently due on February 26, 2010. It was initially due January 4, 2010.

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This is Appellees' second motion for an extension of time. The reasons for the requested extension are contained in the supporting affidavit of counsel filed concurrent with this motion. The opposing counsel, James Goetz and Karl Knuchel, have been contacted and they state they have no objection to this motion.

A proposed Order is submitted herewith.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

Leanne M. Schraudner Attorney for Appellees

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010, I served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document upon the following interested parties by depositing in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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AFFIDAVIT OF LEANNE M.
SCHRAUDNER

COMES NOW, LEANNE M. SCHRAUDNER, and hereby states upon oath as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney licensed of practice law in the State of Montana.
- 2. This affidavit is filed in support of my unopposed motion for extension of time to file opening brief.
- The brief is currently due February 26, 2010. The brief was first due January
   4, 2010. The length of my request for extension is one week, until March 5,
   2010 to file my client's opening brief in this case.

- 4. The request for extension is necessary because I am currently in the midst of a three day trial in the Sixth Judicial District Court in Livingston and therefore unable to work on the brief at my office in Bozeman during this trial. I have also retained additional counsel to assist with the preparation of the brief but I'm currently unable to adequately communicate with said counsel concerning the revisions to the brief due to my trial calendar. I have been working diligently on completing the brief and have a substantial need for requesting an extension as even though I have worked the past six weekends in a row, I still do not have the brief in final form appropriate for filing with this Court. I hereby assure this Court that the brief will be filed within the time requested (by March 5, 2010). As additional information to this Court concerning why I cannot finalize the brief this coming week, I have an extensive memo due on a real property case in Park County on February 25, 2010 and I have all remaining discovery to be completed by February 26, 2010 for a case set for a jury trial to commence May 17, 2010. Considering both my schedule as well as that of counsel I have retained to assist with this brief, regardless of the diligence I have exercised in working on this brief, I have a valid and substantial need for the requested extension in order to file a proper brief in this case.
- 5. I have contacted all opposing counsel to this case, James Goetz and Karl Knuchel, and they state they have no objection to this motion.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

day of February, 2010.

STATE OF MONTANA

:ss.

County of Gallatin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19

Sarah Stone Notary Public

for the State of Montana Residing at: Bozeman, Montana My Commission Expires: June 17, 2919

PRINTED NAME: Sarah Stone Notary Public for the State of Montana

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